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SUBJECT: VIETNAM LIKELY TO SAY NOTHING ABOUT U.S.-INDIA
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1. (SBU) On March 10, Poloff delivered reftel demarche to Ministry of Foreign Affairs International Organizations Department senior expert Vu Van Mien, a frequent and close contact on nonproliferation issues. Mien said he appreciated the briefing on the initiative, and noted that Vietnam was surprised at the degree to which the United States seemed willing to ignore India's deviation from international nonproliferation norms. He promised to bring the U.S. briefing to the MFA leadership's attention, including to the Spokesman for possible release of a statement. He cautioned, however, that it is "extremely unlikely" that Vietnam will make a public comment on a sensitive bilateral issue between the United States and India.

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